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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Legal Research

1. I think we can put our approach to the use of  25X1A in staff study form. The problem might be expressed as follows: "To develop and maintain an objective and authoritative analysis and reference work on the basic legal problems peculiar to the Central Intelligence Agency."

2. The assumptions might be something in the nature that we assume the Agency would continue to operate on its basic legislative charter and in its present place in the structure of Government.

3. Facts bearing on the problem. Probably we should outline here that we have been dealing with a variety of legal problems of a very fundamental type but normally have been faced with solving specific problems. These solutions or lack of them have now built into a body of law which affects not only the operations of the Agency but our interrelations with other agencies and the Congress. In part, the application of this body of law depends on the personal knowledge and experience of you and me and a couple of old-timers. Without such background and experience it could well become chaotic and be a disturbing element rather than a cohesive element.

25X1A 4. The discussion section might go into our experience in the Confidential Funds Handbook and the benefits we believe have flowed therefrom. We could then discuss how the availability of  was made known to us and in an appendix put his qualifications and background. We could mention that we have discussed the matter with him, he is interested, but no commitments were made or prices mentioned.

5. I suppose the conclusion would be that he looks like a good man to do the job, is available, and the job should be done.

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6. The recommendation, therefore, would be that we be authorized, through the proper channels, to approach [redacted] to undertake a year's study on some sort of contractual basis.

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